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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER RECEIVES CDS LEADERS

1. PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES RECEIVED THREE TOP LEADERS OF THE CENTER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (CDS) FEBRUARY 4, AFTER WHICH CDS ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD BEEN GIVEN FORMAL GUARANTEE OF ADEQUATE PROTECTION IN EVENT IT DECIDED TO RESCHEDULE ITS INTERRUPTED CONGRESS PRIOR TO ELECTIONS. (WE BELIEVE CDS WILL RESUME CONGRESS LATER THIS MONTH). PM ALSO SAID TO HAVE SECONDED CONDEMNATION BY CABINET LAST WEEK OF SEIGE OF OPORTO CONGRESS BY FAR LEFTISTS.

2. CDS LEADERS ALSO SAW PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES A FEW DAYS AGO TO RESPOND TO PRESIDENT'S REQUEST TO RECEIVE CDS ACCOUNT OF
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EVENTS AT OPORTO. ADELINO AMARO DA COSTA, CDS SECRETARY

GENERAL, TOLD EMBOFF THAT PRESIDENT WAS SHOCKED AT CDS RECOUNTING OF EVENTS, AND THAT HE HAS ORDERED VITOR ALVES TO PREPARE AN INVESTIGATION. PRESIDENT ALSO ASKED CDS TO GIVE HIM THEIR WRITTEN CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS OF JANUARY 25. CDS HAS PREPARED THIS DOCUMENT, WHICH IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF OPORTO MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND BEHAVIOR OF TROOPS.

3. CDS MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER FOLLOWED ON HEELS OF YET ANOTHER ATTACK BY FAR LEFTIST ON A PARTY HEADQUARTERS. GROUP OF ABOUT 100-200 STUDENTS RANSACKED CDS DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS IN BRAGANCA FEBRUARY 3, SCATTERING DOCUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT ON STREET. MILITARY FORCES ARRIVED AFTER THE FACT. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED IN THIS CASE.

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